

**City of Northampton  
MASSACHUSETTS**

*In City Council, May 17, 2018*

*Upon the recommendation of the Mayor and the Department of Public Works*

**18.100**

**An Order**

**To acquire one parcel of land containing 50 acres, more or less, located on Henhawk Trail in  
Williamsburg**

*Ordered, that*

WHEREAS, The City of Northampton owns a surface drinking water supply in the Town of Whately surrounded by watershed land owned by both the City and private property owners, and;

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the City to acquire privately held parcels within this watershed as they become available for sale to protect its drinking water supply, and;

WHEREAS, Certain parcels of land within the watershed are available for acquisition, and it is in the interests of the City to acquire the parcels for watershed protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED,

That the City Council authorizes the acquisition by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, the fee interest in one parcel of land containing 50 acres, more or less, located on Henhawk Trail in Williamsburg and shown on Town of Williamsburg Assessor's Map 2B as Lot 25.1. This acquisition is for the purpose of the sanitary protection of the Ryan and West Whately Reservoirs, part of the City of Northampton's Water Supply. The parcels shall be held in the custody and control of the Department of Public Works.

The parcel is held by the estate of Eva Lawrence, and is recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds Book 708, Page 337 (also in Book 4182, Page 348). The property is bounded on the east, south and west by City of Northampton watershed land, and to the north by the Conway State Forest. Most of this parcel is located within Surface Water Protection Zone C of the Ryan Reservoir. A tributary to Avery Brook runs through the parcel, and as a result, about nine acres is located within Surface Water Protection Zone A of the Ryan Reservoir.

The DPW has secured a Drinking Water Supply Protection grant in the amount of \$34,063 towards the purchase of this property. The agreed purchase price is \$126,199 and the balance will be paid from Water Enterprise (Land - 61523-581000-11).